

What is claimed is:

1           1. A portable telephone functioning in a communicative mode  
2 in which said portable telephone drives a radio unit provided  
3 therefor to be in communication with other portable telephones  
4 or with fixed telephones through a telephone network, or in a  
5 noncommunicative mode in which said portable telephone functions  
6 for purposes unrelated to its intrinsic function, comprising:

7           a means for interchanging said communicative mode with said  
8 noncommunicative mode (an interchanging means, hereinafter) in  
9 accordance with an operation of a user for selecting functional  
10 modes of said portable telephone,

11           a functioning mode-indicator for indicating that said  
12 portable telephone is functioning in said noncommunicative mode  
13 by lighting a lamp, and

14           a controlling means which stops said radio unit from  
15 functioning and lights said lamp of said functioning mode-  
16 indicator.

1           2. The portable telephone as defined in claim 1, wherein:  
2           said interchanging means is provided with a interchanging  
3 key for an exclusive use or a combined use which transmits an input  
4 signal for instructing said interchanging means to interchange  
5 said communicative and noncommunicative modes.

1           3. The portable telephone as defined in claim 1, wherein:  
2           said lamp of said functioning mode-indicator lights up  
3 continuously or is flashing.

1           4. The portable telephone as defined in claim 1, wherein:  
2           said functioning mode-indicator is situated at a position  
3           which is easily seen by persons other than said user.

1           5. The portable telephone as defined in claim 1, wherein:  
2           said functioning mode-indicator is a light-emitting diode  
3           which is situated on an antenna and notifies a reception of a radio  
4           wave.

1           6. The portable telephone as defined in claim 1, wherein:  
2           said controlling means is provided with a display for  
3           displaying a scene which urges said user to decide whether sounds  
4           for confirming that keys are pushed down and instructions are  
5           executed are outputted or not with respect to said communicative  
6           mode and said noncommunicative mode after a power supply is turned  
7           on.

1           7. A portable telephone functioning in a communicative mode  
2           in which said portable telephone drives a radio unit provided  
3           therefor to be in communication with other portable telephones  
4           or with fixed telephones through a telephone network, or in a  
5           noncommunicative mode in which said portable telephone functions  
6           for purposes unrelated to its intrinsic function, comprising:  
7           a display which displays a scene for urging a user to decide  
8           whether said portable telephone functions in said communicative  
9           mode or in said noncommunicative mode, when a power supply is turned  
10          on,

11 a functioning mode-indicator which lights a lamp while said  
12 portable telephone functions in a noncommunicative mode, and  
13 a controlling means which stops said radio unit from  
14 functioning and lights said lamp, when said noncommunicative mode  
15 is selected in accordance with said scene of said display.

1 8. The portable telephone as defined in claim 7, wherein:  
2 said controlling means decides whether said portable  
3 telephone functions in said communicative mode or in a  
4 noncommunicative mode depending on shifting of a cursor or response  
5 of a touch-sensitive screen.

1 9. The portable telephone as defined in claim 7, wherein:  
2 said lamp of said functioning mode-indicator lights up  
3 continuously or is flashing.

1 10. The portable telephone as defined in claim 7, wherein:  
2 said functioning mode-indicator is situated at a position  
3 which is easily seen by persons other than said user.

1 11. The portable telephone as defined in claim 7, wherein:  
2 said functioning mode-indicator is a light-emitting diode  
3 which is situated on an antenna and notifies a reception of a radio  
4 wave.

1 12. The portable telephone as defined in claim 7, wherein:  
2 said controlling means is provided with a display for  
3 displaying a scene which urges said user to decide whether sounds

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